HOUSE . . . . . . No. 1178

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport (by request), petition of James M. Thiverge relative to mandating the teaching of government courses in secondary education in the Commonwealth. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 This act will amend and/or create new law relative to secondary
- 2 education and mandate the teaching of Massachusetts State gov-
- 3 ernment with a particular focus on the Massachusetts Constitu-
- 4 tion, its history and the current operation of the state government.
- 5 The start cost shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth in the
- 6~ form of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a teacher salary equivalent to the Bachelor's step 1~
- 7 salary of the teacher contract within the school system. This act
- 8 shall be implemented one school year after passage but alteration
- 9 of the frameworks may begin sooner to initiate its inclusion in the
- 10 curriculum.